

NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee

September 25, 2019 @ 11:00
Northeast AZ Training Center
1840 W. Papermill Rd, Taylor

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Call to Order: Jon Wisner 11:03 am.
2. Introductions:
 - Current 2019-2020 Advisory Members attending:
 - Heber-Overgaard Fire – Dee McCluskey
 - NPC – Bill Solomon, Jon Wisner, Peggy Belknap, Jonelle Sinclair (note taker)
 - Pinetop Fire – Richard Wallace
 - Timber Mesa Fire and Medical – Darrin Cluff
3. Discussion of Spring 2019 Advisory Board meeting minutes: No feedback on minutes
4. New Business
 - Input from Advisory members
 - Hiring trends: NPC would like to identify someone locally from the US Forest Service to join the Advisory Committee; Heber-Overgaard Fire had 13 applicants, 12 made the eligibility list, 1 of those 12 will be picked for First Responder; Pinetop Fire has 3 positions opened for First Responders, Fire Marshal Kelly Wood possible retirement in Nov., there is a hiring list for that position that will expire in February; TMFMD will be conducting a Battalion Chief testing for 6 candidates, 2 recent hires, 6-7 hires for the year.
 - Any changes in certifications: None
 - Are needs being met: Members indicated their needs are being met
 - Improvements/suggestions for FRS program: B. Solomon wants to get with instructors on online improvements, have better consistency with instructors and hold an In-House Training at NATC.
 - Discussion on FRS Program: centered on distinguishing offering training vs. education courses
 - Status of FRS program
 - Summer 2019 class: NPC offered the class in Holbrook.
 - Fall 2019 classes: NPC offered the normal classes for the fall semester. NAVIT had 2 dropped from class. FRS had 13 take the State test in September. NATC is working to develop quarterly training for departments.
 - Goals for 2019/20: J. Wisner mentioned building a new fire garage, classrooms and dirty classroom for FRS with the funding from the State.
 - New NPC courses FRS103 and FRS105: There was a short discussion how the courses are working
 - New equipment for FRS was purchased: No new equipment since Spring.

5. NATC Update:

- Tiny home project is moving forward with a Master Plan and then implementation.
- NATC will receive quarterly payments from the million-dollar grant to make capital improvements

6. Roundtable:

- P. Belknap spoke about updates about the college, Quick Facts 2019, which is an audit of NPC. P. Belknap also announced that there will be an accreditors coming to NPC on Oct. 18-19 for an onsite visit by the HLC.
- There was discussion from D. Cluff on holding a non-credited officer class. TMFMD is looking to phase out their reserve program with the possibility of a joint program with other local fire departments.
- B. Solomon wants to thank all those who made donations for FRS, also he is looking for newer boots and SCBAS if any one may have some on hand.
- J. Wisner mentioned there will be guest speakers coming to talk about the shooting in Vegas that will be held on January 9 at the PAC from 0800-1600.

Future Agenda Items: Overview on online course concerns, administration and officer skills classes.

-No items requested to be added to March, 2019 meeting

Next Meeting Date – **Will be determined at a later date.**

7. Adjournment: 12:27 p.m.